

HILLHEAD AREA PARTNERSHIP'S MINUTES.

Minutes of meeting held on 29th January 2025, by video conference.

Present: Councillor Ken Andrew (Chair), Bailie Seonad Hoy and Bailie Martha Wardrop, Glasgow City Council; Inspector Iain Sibbald, Police Scotland; Station Commander Graeme Morrow, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Alex Durie, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership; Anna Dyer, Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network; Alasdair MacDonald, North Kelvin Community Council; Stewart Leighton, Woodlands and Park Community Council; and Stephen Rhind, Woodside Community Council.

Apologies: Louise MacKenzie, North Kelvin Community Council; and Angelica Wilson, Students' Representative Council, University of Glasgow.

Attending: E Miller (Clerk); P Boyce and I Singh (for the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance); and K McCormick (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Appointment of substitute approved.

1 In terms of paragraph 6.10 of the Governance Framework, the Partnership noted that in the absence of the representative and the substitute representative from North Kelvin Community Council, the Chair had approved the attendance of Alasdair MacDonald.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

2 The minutes of 5th November 2024 were submitted and approved.

Glasgow Community Planning Partnership Governance Framework – Membership noted etc.

3 There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration providing an update regarding membership of this Partnership, advising

- (1) that no changes had been made to the current membership;
- (2) that the Partnership would investigate further representation from BME to encourage attendance;
- (3) that Matthew Gordon would be invited to join the Partnership to represent the Scottish Youth Parliament; and

- (4) of the amendments to the Governance Framework that related to Area Partnerships.

Police Scotland ward update noted.

4 There was heard a report by Inspector Iain Sibbald, Police Scotland, advising the Partnership

- (1) that statistics for reported incidents had decreased, however thefts due to shoplifting had increased;
- (2) that motorists should never leave vehicles unattended with keys in the ignition, especially during the winter when owners may leave cars unattended to defrost or delivery drivers dropping off parcels;
- (3) that a city centre exclusion zone for repeating shoplifters would extend to Byres Road and the surrounding area to stop offenders frequenting the area;
- (4) that issues around guest houses continued to be monitored; and
- (5) that reports of all suspicious activity should be reported to Police Scotland by calling 101 or via Crimestoppers at 0800 555111.

After consideration, the Partnership noted the report and thanked Inspector Sibbald for the update and all the work carried out by Police Scotland within the ward, especially during the recent red alert storm.

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service ward update noted – Request to Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

5 There was heard a report by Station Commander Graeme Morrow, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding the current issues, incidents and work being carried out in the ward for Quarter 3, from 1st October to 31st December 2024, advising the Partnership

- (1) that the service had attended 1,147 incidents in the North West area of which 128 were in the ward, 33 fires, 26 Special Services and 69 false alarms, with no fatalities recorded;
- (2) of the work carried out by the Community Safety Team prior to Bonfire night to educate youths and raise continued awareness on the dangers of bonfires and fireworks;
- (3) that 678 Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV) had been carried out and of future collaborations with partners on HFSV; and
- (4) that phase 2 of the public consultation would start around July 2025.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report and thanked Station Commander Morrow for the work carried out by the service, especially during the recent red alert storm; and
- (b) requested information on the number of houses in multiple occupation inspection visits that had been carried out within the ward, particularly properties with concerns over overcrowding.

Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership ward update noted.

6 There was heard a report by Alex Durie, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership, regarding the Health, Exercise and Nutrition for the Really Young (HENRY) approach programme, advising that

- (1) the HENRY approach focuses on family behaviour to help parents adopt healthier eating and lifestyle habits to give their children the best start in life;
- (2) training on this programme had commenced for staff;
- (3) access to the HENRY approach would be through a referral for parents or carers with children aged 0 to 12 years who, if successful, could attend workshops;
- (4) workshops would provide information, support and help to parents and carers on healthy lifestyles, support for healthy affordable cooking etc; and
- (5) further information on the programme and referrals could be requested from Alex at [Alex at Alex.Durie@nhs.scot](mailto:Alex.Durie@nhs.scot).

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted
 - (i) the update and thanked Alex for the information;
 - (ii) that information on the programme was available at GP surgeries, libraries etc; and
 - (iii) that flyers would be available for circulation throughout the ward; and
- (b) requested that
 - (i) services carried out by the programme be provided within the Hillhead Ward, as currently the workshops were focused on other areas in the west of the city;
 - (ii) Community Central Halls should be considered as a venue for the workshops;

- (iii) transport to the workshops could be problematic for some families who had no recourse to public funds; and
- (iv) information on the programme be provided in schools.

Glasgow Third Sector Interface Network update noted.

7 There was heard and noted a report by Ms Anna Dyer, North West Glasgow Voluntary Sector Network (NWGVSN) providing an update on its work, advising

- (1) of the continued IT recycling project “Plugged In” and that information could be accessed via <https://nwgvsn.org.uk/plugged-in-it-project/> who would accept any old IT equipment to be refurbished;
- (2) of the continued concerns with regards to the cost of living crisis and the increased demand on services, with the focus recently on Christmas activities, with the service working together to provide food parcels and events;
- (3) that the university hub had held a number of events and that the network would be working closely with them on future programmes;
- (4) of the recent successful meeting with Community Support Officers from the Council regarding future action plans within the ward; and
- (5) that Community Central Halls and Woodside Halls would be celebrating 100 years during 2025 and celebratory events would be planned throughout the year and that the network hoped to take the lease from the Council.

Local Parks and Open Spaces update noted – Declaration of interest.

8 With reference to the minutes of 27th August 2024, there was submitted a report by the Kevin McCormick, Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS), regarding the Local Parks and Open Space Improvement Fund providing an update on projects allocated within the ward for years 2021/22 and 2022/23 and proposed projects, as detailed in the appendices to the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (1) noted the report;
- (2) raised questions and concerns that were answered by Mr McCormick; and
- (3) requested that
 - (a) Glasgow University be contacted to request its assistance with lighting costs at the university stairs;

- (b) a lighting assessment be carried out within Kelvingrove Park prior to the Partnership approving funds, due to concerns by some residents on the negative effect provided by the cats eyes lighting;
- (c) a feasibility study be carried out with community groups, including Friends of Kelvingrove Park, the ward's community councils and Glasgow University; and
- (d) an updated report be provided to the next meeting of the Partnership.

Councillor Wardrop declared an interest in this item of business and took no part in the discussion thereon.

Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund Programme – Community engagement update noted – Request to Councillor Andrew and Executive Director of Neighbourhoods Regeneration and Sustainability.

9 There was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, regarding the next stages for community engagement on the Neighbourhood Infrastructure Fund (NIF) programme, advising

- (1) of the current NIF allocation across the Area Partnerships and the challenges faced by Partnerships regarding generation of ideas, timescales of the funds, community engagement and allocation;
- (2) that Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) would provide a progress report to the next meeting of the Partnership, which would include up to date costings and allocations for each ward, information on the new internal processes for the NIF and templates for the recording of ideas; and
- (3) that members should advise how the process of NIF allocations should continue, how the remainder of the £1m fund should be allocated and what support would be required from the Communities Team.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report; and
- (b) requested that
 - (i) Councillor Andrew write to Scottish Water regarding work carried out by the company at Clarendon Street before approving repairs to cobbles; and
 - (ii) Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability provide a report regarding outstanding repair work at Hillhead steps, with confirmation of who would be responsible for repairing the remaining damaged cobbles, before approving funds from this fund.

Area Budget 2024/25 – Applications for funding dealt with etc – Declarations of interest.

10 With reference to the minutes of the Council’s City Administration Committee of 21st March 2024, when the committee approved the 2024/25 Area Budget allocations, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance, advising

- (1) of the current position in relation to the Area Partnership’s budget for 2024/25;
- (2) that the Hillhead Area Partnership’s Budget allocation for 2024/25 was £61,838.56 and that £53,014.12 had been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £8,824.44; and
- (3) of the applications for funding from the Area Budget for 2024/25.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the position regarding the Area Budget allocation for 2024/25; and
- (b) dealt with applications for funding as follows, the grant awards being subject to the conditions detailed in the report:

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Purpose of application</i>	<i>Decision</i>
Oakgrove Primary School – Parent Council	Towards the cost of purchasing leavers hoodies for P7 pupils	Awarded £629
*Visibility Scotland	Towards the cost of improving the accessibility of the basement community room and installation of a sensory room	Awarded £5,795.44
**The Volunteers Tutors Organisation	Towards the costs of graphic design, photographer and film maker and printing to create a professional brochure	Awarded £2,400, on the condition that the organisation support a local social enterprise for printing

*Baillie Wardrop declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

**A Dyer declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

Development of Area Partnership Plans noted.

11 With reference to the minutes of 9th April 2024 noting the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and the service reform of Community Empowerment Services, there was submitted a report by the Head of Policy and Corporate Governance regarding the development of Area Partnership Plans, advising

- (1) that one of the key actions identified as a priority for the newly formed Communities Team was to support Area Partnerships in the development of Area Partnership Plans that would define local ward priorities and areas of need, highlight the resources and infrastructure available and ensure any future investment of resources were effectively targeted in response to the actions plans;
- (2) of the proposal to develop the action plans to leverage community-identified data and the work undertaken with colleagues from Strategic Information, Innovation & Technology in the development of Area Partnership dashboards, as detailed in the report;
- (3) that the proposed plans would have clear strategic links with the Child Poverty Programme, Thriving Places and or Local Place Plans and HSCP Sector Plans; and
- (4) the next steps and a proposed timeline of the process that would be undertaken in 2025/26 as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report.

After consideration, the Partnership

- (a) noted the report;
- (b) raised a number of concerns and questions that were addressed by Ms Boyce who confirmed that any additional questions or enquiries could be emailed to patricia.boyce@glasgow.gov.uk; and
- (c) approved the proposed timeline for the development of Area Partnership Plans, as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report.